

**During previous meetings, the IOAG has generated various recommendations and proposals, including:**

- A liaison statement from the IOAG to the CCSDS Management Council *Concerning Finalizing and Adopting CLTU, RAF, and RCF Blue Books, and SLE Application Program Interface [API] Blue Books*
- A liaison statement from the IOAG to the CCSDS Management Council *Concerning CCSDS Blue Books for CLTU, RAF, and RCF*
- A liaison statement from the IOAG to the CCSDS Management Council *Concerning Defining Acceptable Methods for Exchanging Radio Metric and Orbit Data Among Agencies*
- A liaison statement from the IOAG to the CCSDS Management Council *Concerning Development of a Standard for the Exchange of Tracking Data between Agencies with Particular Emphasis on Pre-processed Off-line Data*

Other recommendations and proposals have also been documented.

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The first IOAG was hosted by the NASA representatives (Mr. Costrell; Roger Clason of NASA's GSFC Space Communications Program; and Mr. Miller), at NASA's JPL in Pasadena, California. Subsequent IOAGs were held at the German Aerospace Center (DLR) in Germany, at CNES in France, at ESA in Germany, and last year at GSFC. The participating agencies agreed these meetings have been very productive and have allowed inter-agency cross-support to continue.

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## Mission Services Customer Forum

The Mission Services Customer Forum (MSCF) continued its successful program of meetings. The Eighth MSCF (MSCF #8) was convened at 1:30pm on March 18, 2004, in GSFC's Building 3 Goett Auditorium. MSCF#8 attendees and participants included representatives from the SCP's customer base; NASA Headquarters' officials; project and program representatives; Customer Commitment Office (CCO)/Code 451 Mission Commitment Managers (MCMs); contractor representatives; and other service providers.

Opening remarks were presented by Phil Liebrecht, Associate Director/Program Manager for Space Communications. Phil Liebrecht presented the new Space Communications Program (SCP) (formerly

Mission Services Program [MSP]) organization and discussed major SCP changes; Mars Telecommunications Orbiter (MTO) program; future mission space communications needs; and space communications enabling the future.

Featured topics included the proposed *SCP/Code 450 Architecture – Near-term Roadmap*, presented by Ronna Brockdorff/ITAES on behalf of Frank Stocklin/SCP's Chief Architect; and *Overview of GSFC's Simulation Operations Center (SOC)/Radio Frequency (RF) SOC/Data Evaluation Laboratory (DEL)/Compatibility Testing*, presented by Youn Bae/Code 451.

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